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The proposed Microsoft Anti-Trust Settlement is a very, very bad idea.

I am a computer professional employed by the University of Delaware and
I feel I must write and submit my comment on the proposed Microsoft
Anti-Trust settlement.

The proposed remedy to give schools more Microsoft products is an
unbelievable miscarriage and wholly inappropriate way to punish a company
for monopolistic behavior! This only helps Microsofts monopolistic
stance, and denys the public any right to choose the educational tools
for their school systems.

There are far too many loopholes allowing Microsoft the ability to
declare their development API's closed or "security related" hurting
all but "sanctioned" development on their products.

The proposed settlement does very little to provide any remedy to the
public for the actions committed by Microsoft to the public.

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